

Resolution No. _____

Resolution: To become an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Green Power Community and launch Rockville's Green Power Community Challenge.

WHEREAS, leading municipalities across the nation are partnering with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to become Green Power Communities (GPC), in which the local government, businesses, and residents collectively buy or generate green power in amounts that meet targets set by the EPA; and

WHEREAS, the EPA defines eligible green power as electricity generated from solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, and certain forms of biomass and hydropower and permits a combination of green power products such as utility products, renewable energy certificates (RECs), or on-site generation; and

WHEREAS, EPA Green Power Communities receive national recognition for reducing their community's carbon footprint, supporting investment in cleaner air and energy innovation, and supporting the national development of new renewable energy capacity; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the GPC designation, Rockville must become a Green Power Community through its own purchase of at least 5 percent green power for government operations; initiate a community-wide green power campaign to encourage local businesses and residents to buy or generate green power to attain at least 3 percent of the total community electricity consumption; and submit a signed GPC Partnership Agreement and commit to updating EPA on its total green power and electricity use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville demonstrates its commitment to renewable energy by exceeding EPA's Green Power Community energy requirements by purchasing nearly 60 percent green power for annual government operations; and

WHEREAS, the Green Power Communities program supports Rockville's commitments to sustainability and climate protection outlined in the *Strategy for a Sustainable Rockville*, the *Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement* and the "Quality Environment" theme in the *Mayor and Council Vision, 2020*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE do hereby support the City's application to become an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Green Power Community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE do hereby launch Rockville's Green Power Community Challenge, a community-wide green power campaign to encourage local businesses and residents to buy or generate green power.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of February 28, 2011.

Glenda P. Evans, City Clerk